

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

### **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (CANCELED).

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A facsimile communications method comprising:  
storing, when initial facsimile transmission is performed to an opposite party of which a  
number is registered corresponding to abbreviated dialing, a partial step of a pre-communication  
procedure in correspondence with the registered number;  
reading out a stored content in a second or later communications to the registered  
number; and  
allocating said content to said partial step.  
~~The method defined in Claim 1,~~ wherein said partial step comprises a V.8 sequence in an initial identification phase.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The method defined in Claim ~~1~~2, wherein said partial step further comprises a line probing sequence.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED): ~~The method defined in Claim 1,~~ A facsimile communications method comprising:

storing, when initial facsimile transmission is performed to an opposite party of which a number is registered corresponding to abbreviated dialing, a partial step of a pre-communication procedure in correspondence with the registered number;

reading out a stored content in a second or later communications to the registered number; and

allocating said content to said partial step,

wherein said partial step comprises an equalizer training sequence.

5. (CANCELED).

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A facsimile communications method comprising:

storing, when initial facsimile transmission is performed to an opposite party of which a number is registered corresponding to one-touch dialing, a partial step of a pre-communication procedure in correspondence with the registered number; and

reading out a stored content in a second or later communications to the registered number; and

allocating said content to said partial step~~The method defined in Claim 5,~~

wherein said partial step comprises a V.8 sequence in an initial identification phase.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The method defined in Claim ~~5~~6, wherein said partial step further comprises a line probing sequence.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A facsimile communications method comprising:  
storing, when initial facsimile transmission is performed to an opposite party of which a  
number is registered corresponding to one-touch dialing, a partial step of a pre-communication  
procedure in correspondence with the registered number; and  
reading out a stored content in a second or later communications to the registered  
number; and  
allocating said content to said partial step~~The method defined in Claim 5,~~  
wherein said partial step comprises an equalizer training sequence.

9-13. (CANCELLED).

14. (NEW): The method defined in Claim 4, wherein said partial step further comprises a  
line probing sequence.

15. (NEW): The method defined in Claim 8, wherein said partial step further comprises a  
line probing sequence.